

Attorney Docket No.: 60188-101

PATENT

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Customer Number: 20277  
Tomoo Kimura et al. : Customer Number: 2527  
Serial No.: 09/964,515 : Group Art Unit: 2825  
Filed: September 28, 2001 : Examiner: Annette M. THOMPSON  
For: CIRCUIT OPERATION VERIFYING METHOD AND APPARATUS

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 14, 2004, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire July 14, 2004, and a petition for a one-month extension of time up to and including August 14, 2004 (Saturday) being filed concurrently herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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